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## BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Petition for Extended Area Service Among the Starbuck, Glenwood, and Villard Exchanges

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## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 8, 1991, subscribers in the Starbuck, Glenwood, and Villard exchanges petitioned for extended area service (EAS) among the exchanges.

On June 23, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER DESIGNATING PETITIONING EXCHANGES, AND REQUIRING COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED In that Order the Commission required the local exchange companies serving the three exchanges to file cost studies and proposed rates within 60 days.

United Telephone Company (United), which serves the Villard exchange, filed cost studies and proposed rates on August 24, 1992. United amended the rates on September 10, 1992.

On October 19, 1992, United filed its local measured service rates for the Villard exchange.

On October 21, 1992, the Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a request for a time extension in which to file it report and recommendation. The Department explained that it needed further time to assess United's local measured service option, which had been filed after the Commission's deadline for the filing of proposed rates.

The Department's request for a time extension came before the Commission on November 2, 1992.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the Department's request for a time extension is reasonable and should be granted. The reason given for the request is sound. No party opposed the request, and no party will be harmed by the delay.

The Commission will grant the Department a time extension until November 9, 1992 in which to file its report and recommendation regarding costs and proposed rates.

## ORDER

- 1. The Department of Public Service is granted a time extension until November 9, 1992 in which to file its report and recommendation regarding costs and proposed rates.
- 2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster Executive Secretary

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